

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: **Chemical Engineers (17-2041)**

Associated Occupation: **Chemical Technicians (19-4031)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 77

Focus Occupation: Chemical Engineers (17-2041)  
Associated Occupation: Chemical Technicians (19-4031)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Chemistry	4.8	18.6	20.5	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Computers and Electronics	8.4	14.7	12.7	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Mathematics	9.2	14.6	19.4	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Engineering and Technology	5.7	10.2	24.1	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Physics	4.3	9.6	16.9	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 63

Focus Occupation: Chemical Engineers (17-2041)  
Associated Occupation: Chemical Technicians (19-4031)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Science	4.5	13.8	18.0	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient
Quality Control Analysis	5.9	10.0	9.6	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Mathematics	6.2	9.4	14.7	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient
Equipment Selection	3.3	7.1	5.8	<	A higher skill level may be required
Equipment Maintenance	3.5	6.7	1.0	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Repairing	3.4	6.6	1.0	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 84			
Focus Occupation: Chemical Engineers (17-2041) Associated Occupation: Chemical Technicians (19-4031)					
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Near Vision	11.1	12.9	12.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	12.8	14.6	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	12.0	15.1	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Category Flexibility	9.0	11.6	15.2	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Finger Dexterity	7.6	10.3	6.2	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Visual Color Discrimination	6.4	8.6	8.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90
Focus Occupation: Chemical Engineers (17-2041) Associated Occupation: Chemical Technicians (19-4031)		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Adhere to safety procedures	12	
Analyze chemical experimental, test, or analysis data or findings	69	
Analyze scientific research data or investigative findings	27	
Collect scientific or technical data	30	
Communicate technical information	4	
Compile numerical or statistical data	38	
Conduct laboratory research or experiments	57	
Conduct standardized qualitative laboratory analyses	62	
Conduct standardized quantitative laboratory analyses	62	
Create mathematical or statistical diagrams or charts	43	
Design manufacturing processes or methods	77	
Develop new chemical processing techniques or formulas	95	
Develop or maintain databases	30	
Develop plans for programs or projects	31	
Develop tables depicting data	33	
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3	
Evaluate manufacturing or processing systems	68	

Explain complex mathematical information	30
Follow safe waste disposal procedures	50
Prepare reports	8
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Understand properties of gases or liquids	78
Use chemical processing emergency procedures	84
Use chemical testing or analysis procedures	54
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use hazardous materials information	35
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17
Work as a team member	36

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 72

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Chromatographic measuring instruments and accessories	16
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Gas analyzers and monitors	10
Heating equipment and parts and accessories	19
Industry specific software	1
Laboratory centrifuges and accessories	13
Laboratory decanting and distilling and evaporating and extracting equipment and supplies	19
Laboratory mixing and stirring and shaking equipment and supplies	19
Pharmaceutical industry machinery and equipment and supplies	31
Pipettes and liquid handling equipment and supplies	16
Spectroscopic equipment	10
Viewing and observing instruments and accessories	4
Vision protection and accessories	3
Water treatment and supply equipment	21

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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